GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the development of rural areas in India is `Totally Neglected` as appeared in `The Hindustan Times` on February 16, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the progress made in terms of physical development during each of the last three years till date on the Rural Development schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) to (c): The Press Report in question seeks to reflect, inter alia, the status ofdevelopment of the rural areas in the country over the last several decades. Concerted steps have now been taken to accelerate the implementation of various schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development, which efforts are continuing in the current financial year.

A Statement showing the reported achievements, in physical terms, from 1997-98 onwards, is annexed herewith.